

**WARRANT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**FISCAL YEAR
JULY 1, 2006 to JUNE 30, 2007
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Berkshire, ss:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Williamstown, in the County of Berkshire.

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the Inhabitants of the Town of Williamstown qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs to meet at Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church Street in said Williamstown

TUESDAY, THE NINTH DAY OF MAY, 2006 at SEVEN O'CLOCK A.M. for the following purpose:

To bring their votes to the election of officers for the election of all Town Officers

The polls will be opened at 7:00 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8:00 o'clock P.M.

And furthermore to meet at Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church Street, on the SIXTEENTH DAY OF MAY, 2006 AT SEVEN O'CLOCK P.M. for the following purposes:

To act on all Articles of this warrant, except Article 1, which has been acted upon at the above meeting for the election of officers.

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Proceeding: Moderator Stanley Parese opened the 2006 Annual Town Meeting at 7:00 PM in the gymnasium of the Williamstown Elementary School, 115 Church Street. Two hundred and forty three registered votes checked into the meeting.

Selectman Chairman John Madden read the names of Committee and Board members who have terms expiring in June and thanked them for their service to the Town.

The Moderator announced the Community Chest Volunteer Award was given to Deborah Dane.

Jeanne Driscoll, of the League of Women Voters, announced the Town Employee award presented to Chris Lemoine, Supt. Of the Cemetery and Parks Dept.

The Moderator then presented the 25th Annual Faith Scarborough Award to Selectwoman Jane Allen in recognition of her dedication and service to the town, both as an educator and as a member on many boards and committees in the town.

The Moderator reviewed the procedures for town meeting with those present and then proceeded with the meeting.

ARTICLES

Article 1. To choose a Moderator for a one year term; one Selectmen for a three year term; two Elementary School Committee (K-6) Members for three year terms; one Library Trustees for a three year term; one Housing Authority member for a five year term; one Northern Vocational Regional School District Committee Member for a three year term.

REPORTS OF TOWN COMMITTEES

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of the Board of Selectmen, the Town Manager, and all other officers and committees and act thereon.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article. 2.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 2 carried by unanimous voice vote.

TO AMEND THE SIGNATURE PETITION BY-LAW

Article 3. To see if the Town will vote to amend Chapter 4, section 3 of the Code of the Town of Williamstown, Insertion of Article in Warrant, by deleting the words “if legal. If otherwise the petitioners shall be so informed to give them fifteen days to resubmit their petitions.” or take any other action in relation thereto.

The Massachusetts Attorney General has pointed out that our present by-law, which qualifies the inclusion of signature petitions on the town meeting warrant, conflicts with G. L. c. 39 s. 10 which requires that the selectmen insert all properly signed petitions. Passage of this article will assure that all properly presented signature petitions appear on the warrant.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article. 3.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 3 carried by unanimous voice vote.

TO CHANGE MODERATOR’S TERM FROM ONE TO THREE YEARS

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to change the term of the Moderator from one year to three years effective with the 2007 election, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article. 4.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 4 carried by unanimous voice vote.

TO APPROPRIATE FREE CASH TO LOWER THE TAX RATE

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of **\$441,331** from the General Fund Unreserved Fund Balance to reduce the tax rate, or take any other action in relation thereto.

RESCIND SCHOOL BORROWING AUTHORIZATION

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to rescind the unused portion of the new school bond authorization, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Original Purpose	Date Authorized	Amount Authorized	Amount Borrowed	Amount Unused
Elementary School	Nov. 18, 1999	\$14,500,000	\$4,200,000	\$10,300,000

APPROPRIATION FOR DEBT SERVICE

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of **\$569,530** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, or take any other action in relation thereto:

<u>Purpose</u>	<u>Year Borrowed</u>	<u>Years Remaining¹</u>	<u>Initial Principal</u>	<u>2007 Interest and Principal</u>
Cemetery Building Addition	1991	1	\$108,500	\$7,489
DPW Garage	1997	11	\$1,800,000	\$145,290
Landfill Engineering	1997	5	\$50,000	\$4,739
Landfill Closure	1997	10	\$215,000	\$17,241
Burbank Chapel Repair	2001	13	\$132,800	\$11,926
Landfill Closure	2005	14	\$150,000	\$15,450
Elementary School	2005	19	\$4,200,000	\$367,395
				<u>\$569,530</u>

¹ Inclusive of 2007

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$557,604 from taxation, and that \$11,926 be appropriated from the Sherman Burbank Memorial Fund.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 7 carried by unanimous voice vote.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of **\$5,639,770** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the several Town Departments, namely:

	<u>Fiscal Year 2006</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 2007</u>
Executive	\$221,121	\$227,596
Administration & Finance	\$1,487,569	\$1,502,854
Inspection Services	\$307,385	\$322,441
Public Safety	\$1,046,684	\$1,105,475
Public Works	\$1,659,652	\$1,819,380
Human Services	\$579,378	\$662,024
	<u>\$5,301,789</u>	<u>\$5,639,770</u>

Article 8 - General Government Detail

	Fiscal Year <u>2006</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2007</u>
EXECUTIVE		
Selectmen	\$4,287	\$4,362
Town Manager	\$195,315	\$203,818
Town Counsel	\$19,865	\$17,713
Emergency Management	\$1,654	\$1,703
	<u>\$221,121</u>	<u>\$227,596</u>
ADMINISTRATION & FINANCE		
Insurance	\$139,308	\$134,195
Finance Committee	\$667	\$682
Finance Director	\$202,338	\$205,954
Assessors	\$94,413	\$97,503
Treasurer-Collector	\$140,607	\$149,719
Data Processing	\$22,591	\$22,899
Town Clerk	\$58,663	\$57,351
Registrars of Voters	\$12,671	\$17,090
Employee Benefits	\$816,311	\$817,461
	<u>\$1,487,569</u>	<u>\$1,502,854</u>
INSPECTION SERVICES		
Building Inspector	\$234,747	\$246,448
Health Inspector	\$67,330	\$70,554
Conservation Commission	\$1,509	\$1,560
Planning Board	\$1,150	\$1,150
Sealer of Weights	\$2,649	\$2,729
	<u>\$307,385</u>	<u>\$322,441</u>
PUBLIC SAFETY		
Police Department	\$863,989	\$905,599
Dispatch Services	\$155,307	\$171,076
Animal Control Officer	\$23,717	\$24,670
Forest Warden	\$3,671	\$4,130
	<u>\$1,046,684</u>	<u>\$1,105,475</u>
PUBLIC WORKS		
DPW Director	\$133,569	\$136,228
Highway Department	\$968,072	\$1,064,689
Snow and Ice	\$111,000	\$130,000
Parks and Cemetery	\$223,751	\$244,168
Facilities Management	\$150,709	\$165,605
Burbank Chapel	\$4,105	\$7,506
Recreation	\$30,446	\$31,184
Forestry Department	\$38,000	\$40,000
	<u>\$1,659,652</u>	<u>\$1,819,380</u>
HUMAN SERVICES		
Council on Aging	\$161,277	\$183,801
Veterans' Services	\$25,008	\$37,554
Library	\$390,093	\$437,579
Veterans' Graves & Holidays	\$3,000	\$3,090
	<u>\$579,378</u>	<u>\$662,024</u>

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,422, 892 from taxation; that \$117,081 be appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts; that \$82,219 be appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts; that \$10,000 be appropriated from Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund; and that \$7,506 be appropriated from the Sherman Burbank Memorial Trust.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 8 carried by unanimous voice vote

LOCAL PUBLIC SCHOOLS (Grades K-6)

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$4,834,361** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and to pay charges, expenses and outlays of the School Department for the ensuing year or take any other action in relation thereto.

NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$267,802** or any other sum, being Williamstown’s share of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School District 2006-2007 budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

	Fiscal Year <u>2006</u>	Fiscal Year <u>2007</u>
Minimum Contribution	\$145,862	\$228,263
Transportation Assessment	\$5,304	\$3,469
Capital Assessment	\$37,376	\$36,070
	<u>\$188,542</u>	<u>\$267,802</u>

Note: This is an Omnibus Budget, i.e. Town Meeting may vote only the total budget.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$267,802 from taxation.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 10 carried by unanimous voice vote.

**NORTHERN BERKSHIRE VOCATIONAL REGIONAL SCHOOL
GYMNASIUM REHABILITATION**

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to disapprove the \$750,000 of indebtedness authorized by vote of the Northern Berkshire Vocational Regional School Committee for the purpose of reconstructing, remodeling and equipping the gymnasium, ventilation system, locker rooms and other areas within the District’s school building.

The Board of Selectmen unanimously voted to recommend against the adoption of this article.

Note that this article is appropriately worded in the negative, i. e. to disapprove, as a matter of form. The wording is not intended to suggest an outcome. A vote in favor ("aye") of the article will indicate disapproval of the proposed indebtedness. A vote against ("nay") this article will indicate approval of the proposed indebtedness.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote against the adoption of Article 11.

Following a brief discussion, the Moderator declared Article 11 defeated by unanimous voice vote.

MOUNT GREYLOCK REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$4,174,969** or any other sum, being Williamstown’s

share of the Mount Greylock Regional School District 2006-2007 fiscal budget, or take any other action in relation thereto.

FINANCE COMMITTEE RESERVE FUND

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$75,000** for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$65,000 for the Finance Committee Reserve Fund.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 13 carried by unanimous voice vote.

STABILIZATION FUND

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for deposit into the Stabilization Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded the Town to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to be placed in the Stabilization Fund.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 14 carried by unanimous voice vote.

BOTSFORD FUND for MILNE LIBRARY

Article 15 To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$20,000** for deposit into the Botsford Fund of the David and Joyce Milne Library, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000 for deposit into the Botsford Fund of the David and Joyce Milne Library.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 15 carried by majority voice vote.

WILLIAMSTOWN YOUTH CENTER

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$46,000** to support the Williamstown Youth Center, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WILLIAMSTOWN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of **\$24,246** for the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce to promote tourism, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The proposed sum is equal to ten percent of the Room Occupancy Excise Tax collected at hotels, motels, lodging houses, and bed and breakfast establishments in Williamstown during calendar year 2005.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$24,246 for the Williamstown Chamber of Commerce.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 17 carried by unanimous voice vote.

LIBRARY REVOLVING FUND

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote pursuant to M.G.L. c. 44, Section 53E ½, to authorize the use of a revolving fund for the purpose of purchasing library supplies, services and equipment, which fund shall be credited with receipts from all fees and fines collected under the authority and direction of the Library Trustees, such expenditures not to exceed Twenty-Five Thousand and no/100ths (\$25,000) Dollars, or take any other action in relation thereto.

CONSERVATION FUND

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds the sum of **\$500** or any other sum, to be placed in the Conservation Commission Conservation Fund, or take any other action in relation thereto.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or appropriate from available funds, the sum of **\$523,429** or any other sum, for the following Capital Projects:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Department</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Guardrail Replacement - Brook Road	Highway	\$26,970
Culvert Replacement - Hopper, Bressett and Berlin Road	Highway	\$33,500
Road Grader Replacement	Highway	\$200,000
Pipeline Inspection Camera	Public Works	\$55,000
Hoxsey Street Reconstruction	Highway	\$97,959
Simonds Road Pump Station Rehabilitation and Generato	Sewer	\$40,000
SCADA System Update	Water	\$70,000
		<u>\$523,429</u>

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$385,929 from taxation; that \$70,000 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Water Receipts and that \$67,500 be raised and appropriated from Estimated Sewer Receipts.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 20 carried by unanimous voice vote.

SEWER DEPARTMENT

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Sewer Receipts the sum of **\$1,051,169** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Sewer Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

WATER RATE

Article 22. To see if the Town will, in accordance with Section 7, Chapter 606 of the Acts and Resolves of 1941, vote to approve a municipal water rate of **\$2.98** per 100 cubic feet of water as fixed by the Board of Selectmen, at their meeting of April 10, 2006 to be effective July 1, 2006, or take any other action in relation thereto

WATER DEPARTMENT

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Water Receipts the sum of **\$855,122** or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Water Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

TRANSFER STATION DEPARTMENT

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from Estimated Transfer Station Receipts the sum of **\$183,143**, or any other sum, to pay interest and maturing debt, and for charges, expenses and outlays of the Transfer Station Department, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$183,143 from Estimated Transfer Station receipts.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 24 carried by unanimous voice vote.

CHAPTER 90 HIGHWAY FUNDING

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate from Chapter 90 funds that are, or may become, available to the Town during the fiscal year for Capital Projects, and to authorize the Treasurer to borrow such amounts in anticipation of reimbursement by the Commonwealth, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 25.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 25 carried by unanimous voice vote.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX GRANTS

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for the Town to provide grants in the amount of seventy-five percent (75%) of the 2007 annual motor vehicle excise tax imposed on any passenger automobile, van or light truck manufactured in the five most recent model years with a USEPA fuel economy rating of 50 miles per gallon or greater for city driving and 50 miles per gallon or greater for highway driving, or fifty percent (50%) of the 2007 annual motor vehicle excise tax imposed on any passenger automobile, van or light truck manufactured in the five most recent model years with a USEPA fuel economy rating of 30 miles per gallon or greater for city driving and 35 miles per gallon or greater for highway driving, but not both.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 26.

Town Manager, Peter Fohlin, stated the \$10,000 amount was chosen arbitrarily and will be issued on a first come-first serve basis.

Selectwomen Jane Allen urged support of the article, stating that Williamstown needs to take the leadership on this issue.

Following a discussion regarding both sides of the article, the Moderator called for a voice vote, which was not decisive. He then announced the article carried by a standing vote of 145 yes and 68 no.

G.L. c. 59 §5 CLAUSE 41A

Article 27. To see if the Town of Williamstown will vote to increase the gross receipts that seniors may have in the prior calendar year to be eligible to defer property taxes under G.L. c. 59 §5 Clause 41A from \$20,000 to \$30,000, with such increase to be effective for deferrals granted for taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 27.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 27 carried by unanimous voice vote

G.L. c. 59 §5 CLAUSE 41A

Article 28. To see if the Town of Williamstown will vote to reduce the rate of interest that accrues on property taxes deferred by eligible seniors under G.L. c. 59 §5 Clause 41A from eight percent (8%) to five percent (5%), with such rate to apply to taxes assessed for any fiscal year beginning on or after July 1, 2006 or take any other action relative thereto.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Finance Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 28.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 28 carried by unanimous voice vote

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – RECREATION

Article 29 . To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$93,000** for the creation of recreation space and construction of grandstands and restrooms at the Cal Ripken Field on Stetson Road and further to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a lease with Williams College, for a term in excess of three years, for the use of said Field upon such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interest of the Town, or take any other action in relation thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - PRESERVATION OF OPEN SPACE

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$50,000** for the preservation of open space at Caretaker Farm, or take any other action in relation thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$45,885** for the relocation, restoration, or preservation of two barns and a silo at Williamstown Rural Lands Foundations Sheep Hill Farm, or take any other action in relation thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – COMMUNITY HOUSING

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$30,085** for the minimum set-aside for community housing, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: Janette Dudley, of the Community Preservation Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 32.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 32 carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION - RECREATION

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$7,850** for the installation of protective fencing at the Linear Park children’s play area, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: Janette Dudley, of the Community Preservation Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 33.

Following a short discussion the Moderator declared Article 33 carried by unanimous voice vote.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION COMMITTEE – EXPENSES

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$6,050** for the Community Preservation Committee to develop an open space residential development by-law, or take any other action in relation thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – EXPENSES FISCAL 2006

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$5,000** for the expenses of the Community Preservation Committee during fiscal 2006, or take any other action in relation thereto.

COMMUNITY PRESERVATION – EXPENSES FISCAL 2007

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from the Community Preservation fund the sum of **\$5,000** for the expenses of the Community Preservation Committee during fiscal 2007, or take any other action in relation thereto.

Proceeding: Janette Dudley, of the Community Preservation Committee moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 36.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 36 carried by majority voice vote.

SOUTHLAWN CEMETERY PRESERVATION EASEMENT

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to grant a preservation restriction to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, by and through the Massachusetts Historical Commission, to impose certain restrictions, obligations, and duties for the public enjoyment and appreciation of the Southlawn Cemetery's architectural, archeological, and historical heritage as further defined in the proposed Preservation Restriction Agreement on file with the town clerk, or take any other action in relation thereto.

The South Williamstown Community Association and the Town have collaborated in receiving a \$40,000 grant from the Massachusetts Historical Commission for the restoration and preservation of historic gravestones in Southlawn Cemetery. As a condition of the grant, the Town must promise to preserve the integrity of this historic resource.

Proceeding: The Chairman of the Board of Selectmen moved, and it was seconded, the Town vote to adopt Article 37.

There being no discussion, the Moderator declared Article 37 carried by majority voice vote.

MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT

Article 38. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 70 of the Code of the Town of Williamstown (Zoning Bylaw) as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

Major Residential Development:

1. Replace the existing definition for Major Residential Development in section 70-9.2 with the following:

MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT --- Either of the following from or on a parcel or set of contiguous parcels in common ownership as of the effective date of this provision:

A. Land division (whether subdivision or not) so as to increase the number of buildable lots (unless restricted from residential use) by more than seven.

B. On premises other than an assisted living residence, or land division noted above, issuance of building permits for the construction of more than eight dwelling units.

Proceeding: Robin Malloy, Chairman of the Planning Board moved, and it was seconded, that the Town vote to adopt Article 28, as it was written on the yellow sheet t inserted into the warrant that clarifies the article and reads as the following:

“Article 38. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 70 of the Code of the Town of Williamstown (Zoning Bylaw) as follows, or take any action in relation thereto:

1. Replace the existing definition for Major Residential Development in section 70-9.2 with the following:

MAJOR RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT --- Either of the following from or on a parcel or set of contiguous parcels in common ownership as of the effective date of this provision:

A. Land division (whether subdivision or not, as defined by G.L. C. 41, Section 81L) so as to increase the number of buildable lots by more than seven. Lots which would otherwise be buildable, but have been permanently restricted in order to prevent any residential use, shall not be counted for these purposes.

B. On premises other than an assisted living residence, or land division noted above, creation of more than eight dwelling units or issuance of building permits for the construction of more than eight dwelling units.”

Ms. Malloy gave a report of the proposed amendment to the Zoning Bylaw and stated it had the endorsement of the Planning Board.

Adam Filson stated the while the town talks about building affordable housing, if this amendment is approved it would discourage the development of affordable housing by requiring developers to go through the Major Residential Development process. He stated the current Cable Mills project couldn't be done under this proposed bylaw amendment. Mr. Filson then made a motion to lay Article 38 on the table. The Moderator admonished a 2/3rds majority vote was required to lay the article on the table. He then declared the motion to lay on the table defeated by the lack of required 2/3rd majority voice vote.

Town Counsel, Joel Bard, explained the proposed article as not setting a limit on the number of lots, but rather, it makes clear the threshold of when a major developer has to go through the Major Residential Development process.

Following a short discussion, the Moderator declared the article carried by the required 2/3 majority voice vote.

FLOOD PLAIN BYLAW

Article 39. To see if the Town will amend Chapter 70 of the Code of the Town of Williamstown (Zoning Bylaw) as follows or take any other action in relation thereto:

Flood Plain District

Amend Section 70-2.3.B. (1) as follows:

Replace text “Flood Hazard Boundary Map and Flood Insurance Map, including panels 10,20,15, and 30; and flood profiles 01P through 28P, a part of the Flood Insurance Study dated October 3, 1983” with “Town of Williamstown Flood Insurance Rate Maps, including Zones A and A1-30, dated April 3, 1984 as issued by the Federal Emergency Management Agency”

Amend Section 70-7.4A(2) (b) by replacing the current address with:

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation
251 Causeway Street, Suite 800
Boston, MA 02114-2104

Amend Section 70-7.4A(2) (c) by replacing the current address with:

FEMA Region 1
99 High Street, 6th Floor
Boston, MA 02110

Amend Section 70-7.4A(3) (b) [3] by replacing “(currently 302 CMR 6.00)” with “(currently 310 CMR 13.00)”

Amend Section 70-7.4A(3) by adding a new subsection (e) as follows:

(e) In zones A1-30 and AE, along watercourses that have a regulatory floodway designated on the Williamstown FIRM Map, encroachments are prohibited in the regulatory floodway which would result in any increase in flood levels within the community during the occurrence of the base flood discharge.

WETLANDS BYLAW

Article 40 . To see if the Town will adopt Chapter 38 Municipal Wetlands Protection as follows:

CHAPTER 38

MUNICIPAL WETLANDS PROTECTION

§ 38 - 1. Purpose

The purpose of this chapter, and its attendant bylaws, is to protect the wetlands, water resources, and adjoining land areas in the Town of Williamstown by regulating activities deemed by the Conservation Commission ("the Commission") likely to have a significant or cumulative effect upon resource area values, including but not limited to the following: public or private water supply, groundwater, flood control, erosion and sedimentation control, storm damage prevention, water quality, water pollution control, fisheries, wildlife habitat, rare species habitat including rare plant species, agriculture, aquaculture, and recreation values, deemed important to the community (collectively, the "resource area values protected by this bylaw"). This chapter is intended to utilize the Home Rule authority of this municipality to protect additional resource areas, for additional values, with additional standards and procedures stricter than those of the *Wetlands Protection Act (M.G.L. Ch. 131 § 40)* and *310 CMR 10.00 Wetlands Protection Act Regulations*, subject, however, to the rights and benefits accorded to agricultural uses and structures of all kinds under the laws of the Commonwealth.

§ 38 - 2. Protection of Vernal Pools

A. Purpose of Bylaw Protecting Vernal Pools

Vernal Pools are significant to the protection of wildlife and wildlife habitat. Vernal Pools constitute a unique and increasingly rare type of wetland that are inhabited by many species of wildlife, some of which are totally dependent on Vernal Pools for their survival. The wood frog (*Rana sylvatica*) and all species of mole salamanders (genus *Ambystoma*) that occur in Massachusetts breed exclusively in Vernal Pools. Areas in the immediate vicinity of the pool also provide these species with important non-breeding habitat functions, such as feeding, shelter, and over-wintering sites. Many other species of amphibians utilize Vernal Pools for breeding and non-breeding functions, although they are not restricted to this type of wetland. The protection of Vernal Pools is essential for the continued survival of wildlife species that are dependent upon this unique and threatened resource area.

B. Definition, Critical Characteristics and Boundary

A Vernal Pool means a confined basin depression which, in most years, holds water for a minimum of two (2) consecutive months and is free of adult fish populations and has no permanently flowing outlet. A confined basin depression is protected under the Bylaw as a Vernal Pool if it meets the biological and physical criteria identified by the Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program which provide guidelines for the identification of Vernal Pools. It is not necessary for a Vernal Pool to be located within another type of wetland resource area, or be certified as a vernal pool by the MA Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program of the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife, to be eligible for protection under this Bylaw.

C. Presumptions of Significance

Where a proposed activity involves the removing, filling, dredging or altering of a Vernal Pool, the Commission shall presume that the Vernal Pool is significant to the interests specified in the *Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.00* and *section 38-1 of this bylaw*, and the Commission shall have the authority to prohibit or to place conditions on such activity. This presumption is rebuttable and may be overcome upon a clear showing that the Vernal Pool does not play a role in the protection of said interests. In the event that the presumption is deemed to have been overcome, the Commission shall make a written determination to this effect, setting forth its grounds.

D. Performance Standards

1. **50-foot No-Disturbance Zone:** No prohibited activity shall be permitted within 50 feet of the delineated edge of a Vernal Pool. Prohibited activities include any activity which will remove, fill, dredge or alter the area subject to protection.
2. **100-foot No-Build and Septic System Setback Zone:** No structures shall be permitted within 100-feet of the delineated edge of a Vernal Pool. Structures include, but are not limited to foundations and footings associated with single family dwellings, multi-family dwellings, commercial and/or industrial buildings, footings, pilings, impervious pads or sonotubes associated with porches, patios, decks, house additions, building additions, pools, septic systems and sheds. No septic system leaching field shall be permitted within 100-feet of the delineated edge of a Vernal Pool when the proposed septic system is located up gradient of the Vernal Pool. Driveways, roadways, retaining walls and landscape boulder walls may be allowed no closer than 75 feet of the delineated edge of a Vernal Pool when no other feasible location or alternative means of access exists. Any permitted work shall not obstruct the migratory pathways of Vernal Pool breeders such as Ambystomid salamanders and wood frogs.

§ 38 - 3. Protection of Intermittent Streams

A. Purpose of Bylaw Protecting Intermittent Streams

Perennial streams are afforded protection under the *Wetlands Protection Act* and *310 CMR 10.00* by imposing 200-foot riparian zones extending laterally from the tops of their banks. Intermittent streams are the headwaters of perennial streams, but are not protected by the Rivers Protection Act. The purpose of this bylaw is to protect intermittent streams.

B. Definition, Critical Characteristics and Boundary

Stream means a body of running water, including brooks and creeks, which moves in a definite channel in the ground due to a hydraulic gradient, and which flows within, into or out of an Area Subject to Protection Under M.G.L. c. 131, § 40. A portion of a stream may flow through a culvert or beneath a bridge.

Intermittent Stream means a river or stream shown as intermittent or not shown at all on the current USGS map or more recent map provided by the Department of Environmental Protection. Those streams shown as intermittent, or not shown at all, may be considered perennial if the watershed size is at least one-half square mile and it meets either the STREAMSTATS or stratified drift provisions. Streams that do not fit into these categories must be classified as intermittent. Streams that are observed not flowing for at least four days in a consecutive 12-month period are intermittent (as opposed to perennial), unless the observation occurs during a period of extended drought or the stream is significantly affected by withdrawals, impoundments, or other man-made flow reductions or diversions. Upstream of the first point of perennial flow, a stream is normally intermittent.

Buffer zone means that area of land extending 200 feet horizontally outward from the boundary of any intermittent stream.

C. Presumptions of Significance

Where a proposed activity involves the removing, filling, dredging or altering an area within 200 feet of an intermittent stream, the Commission shall presume that this buffer zone is potentially significant to the interests specified in the *Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.00 and section 38-1 of this bylaw* and the Commission shall have the authority to prohibit or to place conditions on such activity. This presumption is rebuttable and may be overcome upon a clear showing that proposed activity in the buffer zone will not adversely impact any Resource Area *protected by the Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.00 and this bylaw*. In the event that the presumption is deemed to have been overcome, the Commission shall make a written determination to this effect, setting forth its grounds.

D. Performance Standards

1. Any proposed work in the buffer zone shall not destroy or otherwise impair any portion of an intermittent stream.
2. The Commission may require a preconstruction review of work planned in the buffer zone to ensure that adjacent resource areas are not adversely affected during or after completion of the work.
3. For work in the buffer zone subject to review, the Commission may impose conditions to protect the adjacent resource area. The potential for adverse impacts to resource areas from work in the buffer zone may increase with the extent of the work and the proximity to the resource area. The Commission may consider the characteristics of the buffer zone, such as the presence of steep slopes, which may increase the potential for adverse impacts on resource areas. Conditions may include limitations on the scope and location of work in the buffer zone as necessary to avoid adverse impact on resource areas. The Commission may require erosion and sedimentation controls during construction, a clear plan of work, and the preservation of natural vegetation adjacent to the resource area and/or other measures commensurate with the scope and location of the work within the buffer zone.

§ 38 - 4. Protection of Isolated Vegetated Wetlands

A. Purpose of Bylaw Protecting Isolated Vegetated Wetlands

Many of Williamstown's wetlands occur as isolated wetlands that do not meet the size thresholds for protection in the Wetlands Protection Act as "isolated lands subject to flooding" and do not border on other (protected) water bodies. This bylaw extends protection to all wetlands greater than 500 sq. ft. in area whether or not they border on protected water bodies.

B. Definition, Critical Characteristics and Boundary

Isolated vegetated wetland shall include all wetlands whether or not they border on a protected water body. For the purposes of this bylaw, all bordering vegetated wetlands, as well as all isolated vegetated wetlands encompassing at least 500 sq. ft. in area, shall be protected. "Isolated vegetated wetlands" meet all other definitional requirements of the Wetlands Protection Act and 310 CMR 10.00.

C. Presumptions of Significance

Where a proposed activity involves the removing, filling, dredging or altering of an isolated vegetated wetland, the Commission shall presume that the wetland is significant to the interests specified in the *Wetlands Protection Act, 310 CMR 10.00 and section 38-1 of this bylaw* and the Commission shall have the authority to prohibit or to place conditions on such activity. This presumption is rebuttable and may be overcome upon a clear showing that the proposed activity will not adversely impact any adjacent vegetated wetland. In the event that the presumption is deemed to have been overcome, the Commission shall make a written determination to this effect, setting forth its grounds.

D. Performance Standards

Any alteration of any isolated vegetated wetland shall be treated under the standards for Bordering Vegetated Wetlands under the Wetlands Protection Act and 310 CMR 10.00. Activities occurring within a 100- foot buffer Zone extending from the delineated margin of any isolated vegetated wetland can be conditioned by the Commission.

§ 38 - 5. Administrative Processes

Projects that are proposed for sites that fall within the jurisdiction of these by-laws are subject to the authority of the Williamstown Conservation Commission through the *Request for Determination of Applicability* or *Notice of Intent* processes as outlined in 310 CMR 10.00.

§ 38 - 6. Enforcement

No person shall remove, fill, dredge, build upon, degrade, or otherwise alter resource areas protected by these bylaws, or cause, suffer, or allow such activity, or leave in place unauthorized fill, or otherwise fail to restore illegally altered resource area to its original condition, or fail to comply with a permit or an enforcement order issued pursuant to this bylaw.

The Conservation Commission, its agents, officers, and employees shall have authority to enter upon privately owned land for the purpose of performing their duties under this chapter and may make or cause to be made such examinations, surveys, or sampling as the Commission deems necessary, subject to the constitutions and laws of the United States and the Commonwealth.

The Commission shall have authority to enforce these bylaws, its regulations, and permits issued thereunder by violation notices, non-criminal citations under M.G.L. Ch. 40 §21D, and civil and criminal court actions. Any person who violates provisions of this bylaw may be ordered to restore the property to its original condition and take other action deemed necessary to remedy such violations, or may be fined, or both.

Municipal boards and officers, including any police officer or other officer having police powers, shall have authority to assist the Commission in enforcement.

Whoever himself or by his servant or agent, or as the servant or agent of any other person, firm, or corporation, violates any of the provisions of this chapter is subject to a fine as stated in Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II, Noncriminal Disposition, of the Code of the Town of Williamstown. Each day of violation, after written notice, is considered a separate offense.

§ 38 - 7. Appeals

A decision of the Conservation Commission shall be reviewable in the superior court in accordance with M.G.L. Ch. 249 §4.

§ 38 - 8. Severability

If any provision of these regulations is declared invalid or unenforceable the other provisions shall not be affected thereby, but shall continue in full force and effect.

Proceeding: Henry Art, Chairman of the Conservation Commission stated his committee would not be making a motion on the article. They feel the need to redefine “intermittent streams” and will be back with the bylaw at another town meeting.

No motion was made from the floor.

NON CRIMINAL DISPOSITION- MUNICIPAL WETLAND PROTECTION

Article 41. To see if the Town will amend the following Sections of Chapter 1, General Provisions, Article II Noncriminal Disposition.

Section 1-4 B (2). Add

Municipal Wetlands Protection (Chapter 38)

- First Offense – Warning
- Second Offense - \$50
- Third Offense - \$100
- Fourth and subsequent offense - \$200

Section 1-5, add:

Municipal Wetlands Protection (Chapter 38) – Conservation Agent

Proceeding: No motion was made on this article due to its connection with Article 40.

RIGHT TO FARM BYLAW

Article 42. To see if the Town will approve the addition of a Right to Farm Bylaw as follows or take any other action in relation thereto:

Chapter 155

RIGHT TO FARM BY-LAW

Section 1 Legislative Purpose and Intent

The purpose and intent of this By-law is to state with emphasis the Right to Farm accorded to all citizens of the Commonwealth under Article 97, of the Constitution, and all state statutes and regulations thereunder including but not limited to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 40A, Section 3, Paragraph 1; Chapter 90, Section 9, Chapter III, Section 125A and Chapter 128 Section 1A. We the citizens of Williamstown restate and republish these rights pursuant to the Town's authority conferred by Article 89 of the Articles of Amendment of the Massachusetts Constitution, ("Home Rule Amendment").

This General By-law encourages the pursuit of agriculture, promotes agriculture- based economic opportunities, and protects farmlands within the Town of Williamstown by allowing agricultural uses and related activities to function with minimal conflict with abutters and Town agencies. This By-law shall apply to all jurisdictional areas within the Town.

Section 2 Definitions

The word "farm" shall include any parcel or contiguous parcels of land, or water bodies used for the primary purpose of commercial agriculture, or accessory thereto.

The words "farming" or "agriculture" or their derivatives shall include, but not be limited to the following:

- farming in all its branches and the cultivation and tillage of the soil;
- dairying;
- production, cultivation, growing, and harvesting of any agricultural, aquacultural, floricultural, viticultural, or horticultural commodities;
- growing and harvesting of forest products upon forest land, and any other forestry or lumbering operations;
- raising of livestock including horses;
- keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise; and keeping and raising of poultry, swine, cattle, ratites (such as emus, ostriches and rheas) and camelids (such as llamas and camels), and other domesticated animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur-bearing animals.

"Farming" shall encompass activities including, but not limited to, the following:

- operation and transportation of slow-moving farm equipment over roads within the

town;

- control of pests, including, but not limited to, insects, weeds, predators and disease organism of plants and animals;
- application of manure, fertilizers and pesticides;
- conducting agriculture-related educational and farm-based recreational activities, including agri-tourism, provided that the activities are related to marketing the agricultural output or services of the farm;
- processing and packaging of the agricultural output of the farm and the operation of a farmer's market or farm stand including signage thereto;
- maintenance, repair, or storage of seasonal equipment, or apparatus owned or leased by the farm owner or manager used expressly for the purpose of propagation, processing, management, or sale of the agricultural products; and
- on- farm relocation of earth and the clearing of ground for farming operations.

Section 3 Right To Farm Declaration

The Right to Farm is hereby recognized to exist within the Town of Williamstown. The above-described agricultural activities may occur on holidays, weekdays, and weekends by night or day and shall include the attendant incidental noise, odors, dust, and fumes associated with normally accepted agricultural practices. It is hereby determined that whatever impact may be caused to others through the normal practice of agriculture is more than offset by the benefits of farming to the neighborhood, community, and society in general. The benefits and protections of this By-law are intended to apply exclusively to those commercial agricultural and farming operations and activities conducted in accordance with generally accepted agricultural practices. Moreover, nothing in this Right To Farm By-law shall be deemed as acquiring any interest in land, or as imposing any land use regulation, which is properly the subject of state statute, regulation, or local zoning law.

Section 4 Disclosure Notification

In order to allow prospective purchasers to make informed decisions prior to a real estate transaction and to promote harmony between farmers and their new neighbors after a transaction, the Town of Williamstown requests selling landholders and/or their agents (and assigns) provide written notice to prospective purchasers substantially as follows:

"It is the policy of the Town of Williamstown to conserve, protect and encourage the maintenance and improvement of agricultural land for the production of food, and other agricultural products, and for the keeping of horses as a commercial enterprise and keeping of other animals for food and other agricultural purposes, including bees and fur bearing animals, and also for its natural and ecological value. This disclosure notification is to inform buyers that the property they are about to acquire lies within a town where farming activities occur. Such farming activities may include, but are not limited to, activities that cause noise, dust and odors. Purchasing, and henceforth occupying land within Williamstown means that one should expect and accept such conditions as a norm and necessary aspect of living in Williamstown."

Written notification may occur in one of several ways including but not limited to a disclosure form, addendum to a Purchase and Sale Agreement and should include an acknowledgement by the buyer that they have received notification.

Within 30 days after this bylaw becomes effective the Board of Selectmen shall make available for use by selling landowners or their agents (and assigns) copies of example written notifications.

Within 30 days after this bylaw becomes effective the Board of Selectmen shall prominently place in the town hall and on the town web site the above disclosure.

Section 5 Severability Clause

If any part of this By-law is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the remainder of this By-law. The Town of Williamstown hereby declares the provisions of this By-law to be severable.

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

Article 43. To see if the Town will vote to establish an Agricultural Commission to represent farming and forestry activities in Williamstown.

“The purpose of the Agricultural Commission will be to support commercial agriculture and other farming activities in the Town of Williamstown. The Commission’s duties shall include but will not be limited to the following: serve as facilitators for encouraging the pursuit of agriculture in Williamstown; promote agricultural-based economic opportunities in Town; act as mediators, advocates, educators, and negotiators on farming issues; work for the preservation of agricultural lands; advise the Town Meeting, Board of Selectmen, Planning Board, Zoning Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Board of Health, Historical Commission, Board of Assessors, or any other appropriate Town Boards, on issues involving agriculture; and shall pursue all initiatives appropriate to creating a sustainable agricultural community.

The Commission shall consist of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen, of which the majority of the membership shall be substantially engaged in the pursuit of agriculture.

There may be up to three alternates appointed to the Commission by the Selectmen and will fill any vacancies at a meeting of the Commission.

In making its appointments, the Board of Selectmen is asked specifically to consider the intent of the Commission to represent the agricultural interests of the town.

The terms will be as follows: Two members for a term of three years; two members for a term of two years and three thereafter; and one member for a term of one year and three years thereafter.

The Board of Selectmen shall fill a vacancy based on the unexpired term of the vacancy in order to maintain the cycle of appointments, considering the recommendations of the Commission.

CITIZENS PETITION – MASSACHUSETTS HEALTH CARE TRUST, A SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE ENTITY

Article 44. To request that the town adopt the following resolution:

Whereas, Massachusetts health care costs are among the highest in the United States;

Whereas, health insurance premiums for town employees and school district employees are consuming an increasingly large share of our town budget;

Whereas, at least 500,000 residents of the state of Massachusetts do not have any health insurance and many additional are under insured;

Whereas, legislation has been filed in the Great and General Court creating a Massachusetts Health Care Trust, a single payer public entity to provide comprehensive health coverage to every resident of the commonwealth and;

Whereas, two reports commissioned by the Massachusetts Legislature and the Massachusetts Medical Society found that a single payer system would “offer the most care and the highest level of savings for Massachusetts, compared to all other reform options.”

Now, therefore Be It Resolved

That the Town of Williamstown urges the legislature to enact the Massachusetts Health Care Trust legislation and the Select Board calls upon Senator Andrea F. Nuciforo, Jr. and Representative Daniel E. Bosley to work towards the passage of this plan so that all residents of the state of Massachusetts will have full health coverage.

CITIZEN’S PETITION – A RESOLUTION FOR A LEGISLATIVE MORATORIUM ON GENETICALLY ENGINEERED CROPS

Article 45. A Resolution for a Legislative Moratorium on Genetically Engineered Crops to see if the town will vote to make the following request for legislation:

Whereas genetically engineered (GE) foods and crops have been shown to cause long-term damage to the environment, threaten rural economies, and may impair human health:

Whereas GE crops have been found to contaminate other farmers’ crops through cross-pollination, and are stringently regulated in more than 30 countries; and

Whereas Congress and federal regulatory agencies have failed to adequately address this problem;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Citizens of the town of Williamstown, Massachusetts:

- 1) request that our United States Senators, Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry, our Congressional Representative, John W. Olver, our Governor, Mitt Romney, our State Senator, Andrea F. Nuciforo Jr., and our State Representative, Daniel E. Bosley, Sponsor and support legislation that would enact a moratorium on the further growing of GE crops until there is credible and independent scientific evidence that these products are not harmful to our health, the environment, and the survival of family farms; and
- 2) additionally request that upon its becoming effective, the Williamstown Town Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution with a vote of the Town Meeting thereon to the elected officials named above.

We the undersigned citizens of Williamstown, Massachusetts acting on our own initiative and seeking to protect the rights and well being of all residents and citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now place the Article entitled: **A Resolution of the Town of Williamstown, Massachusetts for a Legislative Moratorium on Genetically Engineered Crops**, which Article is described above, upon the Warrant of the Town of Williamstown to be holden at Annual Meeting of the town on May 16, 2006.

Proceeding: Sharon Wyrriick moved, and it was seconded, that the Town vote to adopt Article 45, the Citizen’s Petition.

Ms. Wyrriick stated the resolution makes a request, as well as a statement.

Following a short discussion, the Moderator called for a standing vote when the voice vote was indistinct. He then declared the article carried by a vote of 74 in favor and 24 opposed.

CITIZEN’S PETITION - A RESOLUTION FOR GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOOD LABELING LEGISLATION

Article 46. A Resolution for Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Legislation to see if the town will vote to make the following request for legislation:

Whereas, there exists, both within the United States and internationally, substantial scientific dispute about the safety of food products derived from genetically engineered (GE) organisms; and,

Whereas, in situations where scientific experts are divided about the safety of a particular food product, consumers ought to easily be able to choose whether or not to purchase and consume food products derived from GE organisms;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Citizens of the town of Williamstown, Massachusetts; 1) request that our United States Senators, Edward M. Kennedy and John F. Kerry, our Congressional Representative, John W. Olver, our Governor, Mitt Romney, our State Senator, Andrea F. Nuciforo Jr., and our State Representative, Daniel E. Bosley,

Sponsor and support legislation that would enact a mandatory labeling by manufacturers and processors of all GE food and seed; ;and,
2) additionally request that upon its becoming effective, the Williamstown Town Clerk shall transmit a copy of this resolution with the vote of the Town Meeting thereon to the elected officials named above.

We the undersigned citizens of Williamstown, Massachusetts acting on our own initiative and seeking to protect the rights and well being of all residents and citizens of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts now place the Article entitled: **A Resolution of the Town of Williamstown, Massachusetts for Genetically Engineered Food Labeling Legislation**, which Article is described above, upon the Warrant of the Town of Williamstown to be holden at Annual Meeting of the town on May 16, 2006.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof in four or more public places as well as the United States Post Office within the Town.

Hereof fail not and make return of this Warrant, with your doings to the Town Clerk on or before the time set for holding said meeting.

Signed by:

John R. Madden, Chairman

Jane B. Allen

Philip C. Guy

John G. Merselis, Jr.

David A. Rempell
Williamstown Board of Selectmen

Berkshire, ss:
April 25, 2005

I hereby certified that I have posted attested copies of the above Warrant in four public places in the Town of Williamstown, and the Post Office, at least seven days before said Election and Town Meeting.

Signed:
Paul E. Yarter
Constable.

A true record, attest:

Mary Courtney Kennedy
Town Clerk

